

† Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Yes.

Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR.— If not, what steps will Government take to utilise these rigs for the purpose of irrigation?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— When I said YES: to the first question, the question ' If Not ' does not arise.

Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR.— My question is : whether these six rigs are working in Gulbarga district ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA — I said YES: for drinking water wells.

Sri BAPU RAO HULSURKAR.— Whether the Government has any plans to dig bore-wells in the field of agriculture in view of what is done in other States ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— We have been thinking in terms of providing Bore-wells for irrigation and Govt. have appointed a committee to go into the question of lift irrigation in general including the exploitation of the under-ground water by rig wells, and the report is expected to be submitted in the course of one or two or three weeks. After receiving that report, Government is thinking in terms of getting up an organisation which would undertake utilisation of ground water for irrigation purposes by providing bore-wells in individual lands; and that question will arise after the agency is appointed. Government is considering and thinking in that direction.

#### IMPORT OF C. R. G. O. STEEL BY N. G. E. F.

212. Sri P. M. BANGI (Jamkhandi).—

Will the Minister for Industries be pleased to state.—

(a) the quantity of C. R. G. O. steel imported from foreign countries since 1970 upto July 1973, by N. G. E. F.;

(b) the purchase price of this steel imported per ton including transport, octroi and other charges ;

(c) the quantum of this steel allegedly treated as scrap by the concerned authorities ;

(d) the reasons for treating large quantity of this scarce imported material as scrap and whether this steel was examined and certified by Deputy General Manager and General Manager and found to be scrap;

(e) whether this scrap was sold by public auction or by negotiation with a firm at Bombay or with any Company or person; if so, the name of the person or Company and the rate at which it is sold;

(f) the efforts made by N. G. E. F. to use this alleged scrap of scarce and imported material (C. R. G. O. Steel) by cutting in to required size before declaring it as scrap;

(g) the reasons for not selling this alleged scrap to the highest bidder in public auction;

(h) the amount of loss sustained by N. G. E. F. by this scale of steel as scrap?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Minister of Industries).—

(a)	Year	Quantity (in M. T.)
	January to December 1970	574.866
	January to December 1971	882.859
	January to December 1972	1421.044
	January to July 1973	248.216
	Total	3126.985

(b)	Grade 41	
	Year	Average price at N. G. E. F. Rs.
	January to December 1970	6,000 M. T.
	January to December 1971	6,120 M. T.
	January to December 1972	6,000 M. T.
	January to July 1973	6,400 M. T.
		(approximately)